

The book emphasises one aspect of God that crowns all that has been revealed so far. Genesis indicated his sovereignty, Exodus his power in redemption, Leviticus his holiness, and Numbers his righteousness - now we are told his actions were motivated 'because he loved' (ch 4:23).

There are four main speeches by Moses: The first (ch 1-4) reminds the people of how good God has been. The second (ch 4-26) is a reminder of the Laws already given. The third (ch 27-28) summarises what will happen depending on their response and the fourth (ch 29-30) is an exhortation to choose wisely. The concluding chapters deal with four Final charges.

Moses left a legacy of blessing—it kindled revival in the time of Josiah (2 Kings 23) and Ezra (Neh 8). It was quoted by Christ in conquering temptation (Matt 4) and Deuteronomy 18 contains the Prophecy of the great Prophet (Christ).



STUDY GUIDES & VIDEOS

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The study guides will be most helpful if you work through them slowly with an open Bible, looking up all the references. Grab some friends and do it together!

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W	1/3	Num 11-13	43	
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T	7/3	Num 22-24	47	Torah - Numbers
W	8/3	Num 25-27	48	
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F	10/3	Num 31-32	50	
M	13/3	Num 33-34	51	
T	14/3	Num 35-36	52	
W	15/3	Deut 1-3	53	Deuteronomy
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M	20/3	Deut 10-12	56	The Law
T	21/3	Deut 13-14	57	
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T	23/3	Deut 17-20	59	
F	24/3	Deut 21-23	60	
M	27/3	Deut 24-27)	61	
T	28/3	Deut 28-29	62	
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THE READ SCRIPTURE PLAN

This plan takes you through the Old Testament in one year. The Old Testament Scriptures are divided up into thirteen “chapters” and organized in semi-chronological order. You’ll read two or three chapters a day, and sometimes skim through larger portions that contain genealogies, census information, etc.

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The Hebrew name (**Bəmidbar**) for the book of Numbers means ‘The Wilderness’. The book continues the wilderness journey from the Exodus and it is all about the epic journey of the Israelites through the desert to the land promised to Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3.

Although the journey should take only two weeks on foot, they end up taking a 40 year journey, dying off at over a 100 a day! They went round in circles getting nowhere. Their lives were wasted.



The book is divided up into 5 sections. 3 Wilderness locations connected by two travel periods of time. After getting organised (Ch1-14) a census is taken. They are sidetracked for 38 years (Ch 15-20), but eventually they get on target again (Ch 21-26). This requires a second census for the new generation involved (ch 26).

Numbers is a book about failure. God’s purpose in bringing the people out of Egypt was that he might bring them into the Promised Land. Failure was tragic. The journey starts well and yet with the sin of murmuring amongst the people it all goes wrong. God however remains faithful to his people and his promises and the final moment is one of redemptive grace.

We are confronted with individual failures by Miriam and Aaron (ch 12), the ten spies (ch 13), Korah, Dathan and Abiram (ch 16,17), as well as Moses (ch 20). Read Hebrews 4:1 to see the relevance today.

Extensive narrative space is devoted to Balaam (ch22-25) who could be called ‘The Mercenary Prophet’. Even an ass could see what he couldn’t!. Although he tries to curse the people he ends up blessing them with a final blessing of a promise that out of Israel will rise a victorious King!.



Jesus said, ‘Moses...wrote of me’ (John 5:46). This fourth book of Moses contains pictures of Christ. The Rock which had to be smitten to bring life saving blessing to people (ch 20:7-11).

The Brazen Serpent lifted up on a pole, so that whoever would might ‘look and live’ (ch21:4-9). The Cities of Refuge providing sanctuary for the guilty from the avenger hot on his heels. (ch 35).

Although the people rebel—God remains faithful. The book ends with Moses giving a speech of warning and wisdom and gives this new generation the Law a second time - Deuteronomy.



Deuteronomy is the last of the five books of Moses. Deuteronomy is derived from two Hebrew words meaning ‘second law’. Moses does not give new laws in this book, he merely reinstates the old laws for the benefit of a new generation. (ch 4:23).